

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAY 25 2004

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. :	09/624,810	Confirmation No. 6522
Applicant :	Robert W. Bruce et al.	
Filed: :	July 24, 2000	
TC/Art Unit: :	1763	
Examiner :	Rudy Zervigon	
Docket No. :	13DV-13228	
Customer No. :	30952	

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In the Office Action dated March 24, 2004 (Paper No. 20040311), the Examiner withdrew an on-sale/public-use rejection under 35 USC §102(b), but maintained a rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 under 35 USC §102 in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,988,844 to Dietrich et al. (Dietrich) and a rejection of claims 5 and 8 under 35 USC §103 in view of Dietrich. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-10 are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.